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Submitted herewith is an English translation of the following foreign language references, or portions thereof:

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AL	JAPAN 03-203322 – English Abstract: DIALOG(R)File 347:JAPIO (2004); Accession No. 03540422
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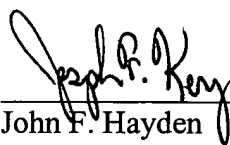
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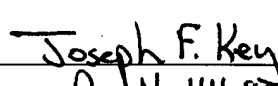
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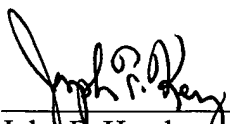
REQUEST FOR INITIALED PTO FORM 1449

Upon reviewing the file, applicants noted that they have not received an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO Form 1449 that accompanied an information disclosure statement filed November 22, 2004.

Applicants' records show that this information disclosure statement complied with 37 CFR 1.97. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the examiner initial and return this form as soon as possible. Note, applicants must pay the issue fee by February 18, 2005, so the examiner's prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

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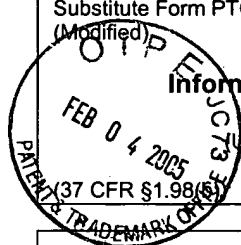
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